GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5895
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2017
Procurement Policy for Forest Products
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently made an announcement to amend the procurement policy for the procurement of forest products on support price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has amended/made changes in the guidelines as per the said announcement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tribal Affairs introduced a Scheme "Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP" during the year 2013-14, to provide much needed safety net and support to people belonging to Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers whose very livelihood depends on collection and selling of MFP. To start with, the scheme had been implemented in States having areas under Schedule V of the Constitution and covered ten MFP items. Recently, however, the coverage of area of the said Scheme has been extended beyond Schedule V States and now scheme is applicable in all States. The number of MFP items has also been increased to twenty four.
(c)&(d): The guidelines of the scheme 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP' has been modified with effect from 31.10.2016 after discussion with various stakeholders and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) and MSP of some of the existing MFP items have been revised. Also, fourteen more MFP items along with their MSP have been added to the list as per details Annexed.

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.ANNEX.
Statement referred to in reply to Parts (c) & (d) of LSUSQ No. 5895 for 10.04.2017 regarding "Procurement Policy for Forest Products'

(i) Modifications in Minimum Support Price in respect of some of the MFP items which are being procured since inception of the scheme.

S.No Minor Forest Produce Existing (MSP)
(Rate in Rs per KG.) Revised MSP(Rates in Rs. per kg.)
01. Tamarind (With seed) 22/- 18/-
02. Honey 132/- 150/-
03. Gum Karaya 108/- 108/-
04. Karanj Seed 21/- 18/-
05. Sal Seed 10/- 10/-.
06. Mahuwa Seed 22/- 20/-
07. Sal Leaves 21/- 21/-
08. Chironjee Pods with seeds 100/- 60/-
09. Myrobalan 11/- 8/-
10. A. Ragini Lac 230/- 100/-
B.Kusumi Lac 320/- 150/-

(ii) List of the Fourteen new MFP items along with their MSP:

S.No Minor Forest Produce Rate in Rs. per Kg

1 Kusum Seed 10/-
2 Neem Seed 12/-
3 Puwad Seed/Chakramard 8/-
4 Baheda 15/-
5 Hill Broom Grass 10/-
6 Shikakai 30/-
7 Guggul(exduate) 700/-
8 Bael (dried & without crust) 15/-
9 Nagarmotha 25/-
0 Palash/Keshu Flower 8/-
11 Shatavari(dried) 40/-
12 Madhunashini 35/-
13 Kalmegh 15/-
14 Tamarind (de-seeded) 40/-